

Wilmington Sept. 30th 1879

Dear Dr. Gray

A couple of weeks or more since I got a letter from Chessman (New Zealand) announcing the sending of a lot of plants to me. I read his letter hastily & did not notice a note of a small package for you. Two or three days since the box came and as I was pressing at the time I took the bundles out and pressed right through in the order & in which they came to hand. Afterwards struck with there being so many duplications in the last bundle I examined it and found your address on the cover and now forward it by express. I believe I have not "missed these children up" but have sent you yours just as

they came; but I regret that by my
inadvertance I laid violent hands upon
our property even though I now re-
surrender it. You must be merciful and
try ~~and~~ to remember that I have sinned
in the prisoning!

I am quite taken with ~~the~~ ~~specimens~~
specimens, and with the New Zealand
Mora.

All well with no chance to be long

Yours sincerely

J. H. A. A. A.